H.C. Burleigh Papers

Grass

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Cambridge (Preston)
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Dr H. C. Burleigh
Bath Ont.

Replied 3 June 1974

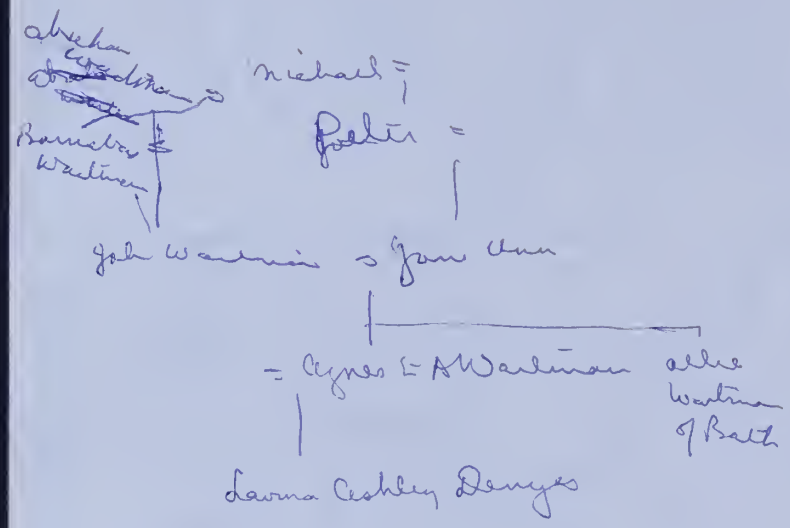
Dear Sir:

Mr Chard asked me to write to you to see if you could fill in some dates and proofs. He did not say what proofs I needed.

I am L Lavina Ashley Wenyes
my mother was Agnes E. A. Wartman (B 1858 D 1927)
my Grandmother was Jane Ann Grass (B 1823 D 1902)
" Great Grandfather was Peter Grass who was a son of Michael Grass.

I have date of Peter Grass's marriage to Esther Everett Feb 9, 1808 but no date of birth or death.

Mr Chard says you have records on Michael Grass. I do hope you can help me complete my records.


Abraham Wadman
Barnaby Wadman
Michael
Robert
John Wadman
Jane Anne
Agnes
A N Wadman
alias Wadman of Bath
Laura Ashley Denyer

In the 20's or early 30's I received a letter from an organization publishing a book on U. E. L. They said my name was in the book and asked me to buy it. I was young and I guess it seemed expensive. Anyway I did not do anything about it. Do you know anything about that book?

On my grandfathers side.

Jane Ann Guess married John Wartman son of Barnabas Wartman who was a son of Abraham Wartman who died in 1878.

I have stood here, mr. and I copies of all my records unfortunately some of my clippings do not carry dates.

Thanking you for any information you might be able to give me.

I remain

Yours Truly.

L Lorene Weeks

(Mrs W. B Weeks)

My uncle Will Wartman live in Bath at one time

158 Catalina Dr.
Scarborough, Ont.
March 27, 1969

Dear Dr. Burleigh:

Your name was given to me by a genealogist in hopes that you may be able to help me concerning genealogy for Captain Michael Grass of U.E.L. fame.

I am a direct descendant of his and would like to know if you know of his family (mother, father etc.) or his <u>birth</u> date, or if you have any pertinent information that would be of help.

Grandpa Tobias has had the name Grass carried on down through the family to our present generation. The stories he used to tell us were exciting but not very informative, so far as dates.

It would surely be thrilling if we could go further back. Any help would be greatly appreciated. I am willing and ready to pay you for any services.

Thank you so much

Mrs. Marilyn Smith

reply
31 Mar/69

## Henry Grass.

Father time has made sad havoc of late with our old residents, and yesterday another aged inhabitant, Henry Grass, passed peacefully away at the ripe old age of 84 years, 7 mos., and 15 days. The deceased belonged to the good old U. E. stock. His grandfather, Capt. Grass, after whom the deceased was named, left New York with a party of refugees in 1783, setting sail from that city with a fleet of seven boats, and after a long voyage of nine weeks, during which they encountered a severe gale and were nearly wrecked, they reached Sorel. The men of the party ascended the St. Lawrence in batteaux, and landed at the mouth of little Cataraqui Creek. Proceeding west, the party took possession of the first Township of the Bay of Quinte district, Capt. Grass obtaining the first lot adjoining the Reserve for the town; the second being granted to Rev. Mr. Stewart; the third to Mr. Herchmer. In early life, he came to the Township of Sidney, where, from the primeval forest he hewed out a home and by industry and economy, amassed a competency with which he retired to this city twenty-four years since. In 1837 he married Evelyn Marsh at Port Hope, who died in 1877.

He leaves behind him three sons, Peter, Chas. H. and Daniel E. Grass and one daughter, Mrs. Jas. Ketcheson.

## A Power Gone

Michael Henry Grass an old and respected resident of this city died at his late residence Bridge street yesterday afternoon at 3 o'clock. He was stricken with paralysis on Wednesday night and never regained consciousness. The deceased was born at Collins Bay, near Kingston on Febuary 1st, 1810, and consequently would be 84 years of age. He came to Sidney when about 21 years of age and engaged in farming pursuits. He remained there forty years during which time he married a Miss Marsh of Port Hope by which union there were six children four of whom are living: Peter Grass, township of Murray; Mr. Charles Grass, Thurlow; Mr. Daniel Grass, Sidney township; Mrs. James Ketcheson, Sidney. The deceased was a grandson of Capt. Michael Henry Grass, the U. E. Loyalist who took the little fleet of seven vessels from New York to Collins Bay in 1783. He was well known and highly respected. The funeral will take place to-morrow at 2 o'clock to the Belleville cemetery.

-law, Mrs. Evelyn Keyes and Mrs. Florence Aykroyd, both of Kingston. One brother, James, of California, predeceased her.

The funeral will be held at the Robert Reid funeral chapel Thursday afternoon. Interment will be in Cataraqui Cemetery.

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**MRS. STELLA WATTS**

The funeral of Mrs. Stella Gertrude Ashley Watts, 78, of Port Hope, who died recently at the Port Hope General Hospital after a short illness was held from the James Reid funeral home. Rev. H. M. Servage conducted the service and interment was at Cataraqui Cemetery.

Mrs. Watts was born at Collins Bay the daughter of Cumberland Ashley and his wife Hannah Mary Grass. She lived in Kingston at 83 Earl street, most of her life. She moved here in 1914 from Glenvale where her husband farmed for a number of years before buying a grocery store on Earl street. She attended Sydenham Street United Church.

She is survived by a son C. J. Watts of Colebrook, and one sister, Mrs. Lillian Emlaw, Kingston. She was the widow of Sidney J. Watts. 11·7·1956

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MICHAEL GRASS + Margaret sponsors 3 Apr 1796
d. 25 Apr 1813, aet. 78 yrs (b. 1734-5)

The Children and Their Grandchildren:

I. PETER GRASS, married 9 Feby 1808 Esther, daughter of Major John Everett (the first white woman born in Ancaster); set. Lake Shore.
Issue: +(1) Robert E. bp. 5 Mar 1809
+(2) Henry bp. Michael Henry 6 May 1810
+(3) Daniel
+(4) Lewis
+(5) John
+(6) Jane
+(7) Charles

II. JOHN GRASS, married 19 Mar. 1799 Catherine Snooks (St. Geo. P. Reg.); set. Lake Shore (b. 1772)
John Grass Sr. d. 18 Jan 1849 aet. 76
Catherine, his w., d 18 Feb 1846 aet 64.8. (b. Oct 1786)
Issue: +(1) Michael
+(2) Peter
(3) Henry blacksmith in 1832?
+(4) Tunis
+(5) John ~~Margaret bapt. St. George's~~
+(6) Lewis
+(7) Mary bp (Margaret) 23 Feb 1800
+(8) Elizabeth
+(9) Hannah
+(10) William

III. DANIEL GRASS, returned to United States and all trace lost of him and his descendants.

IV. ANN GRASS, married Peter Hartman.
d. 16 May 1858 in 93rd year' (b. 1765)
Issue: +(1) Daniel
+(2) Peter John bp. 23 Oct 1797
+(3) Ann
+(4) Margaret bp. 13 Jul 1788
+(5) Elizabeth bp 9 Nov 1794
+(6) Katharine bp. 10 Feb 1793
+(7) Mary
+(8) Susanna
+(9) Henry

V. "LAZY" GRASS, married 22 June 1809 Thomas Graham; set. near Portsmouth. son Robt & Ann Graham
d. Mar. 12, 1865, at 82-3-16 (b. Dec. 1782) d. Oct. 3, 1847, at 60-1-18 (b. Aug. 1787)
Issue: (1) George
(2) Henry
(3) Edward
(4) a daughter Mary Margaret bp. 24 June 1810
(5) Ann married Joel Sturgess.

VI. POLLY GRASS, married Captain Theophilus Deacon.
(1) James Henry bp. 21 Nov 1802
(2) Mary Margaret bp. 4 Nov 1804
(3) Cumming bp 24 Aug 1806
(4) Theophilus bp. 30 Feb 1808; Sp. Michael Grass & Margaret Grass
(5) George bp. 4 Mar 1810

THE GRANDCHILDREN AND ISSUE:

Gen 1. The Peter Grass Branch:

(1) ROBERT EVERETT GRASS, married 1st. Nancy Hardy and 2nd. Mrs. Geldrey McCormon (nee Ketchenon); set. Sidney.
Issue: by 1st. (a) Peter Grass married Annie Benistool.
(b) Deborah Grass married Dr. Holter, M.D. set. Stirling.
(c) Esther Ann Grass married Dr. Deacroft; set. Stirling.
(d) Julia Grass married 1st. Alex Tone, and 2nd. Joseph Tomlin (nee Jones); set. Brantford and finally Toronto.
Issue by first -- John Everett and Florence Lillian (both deceased) and by 2nd Robert Everett.

(2) HENRY GRASS, married Evaline Marsh; set. Sidney.
Issue: (a) Peter, married and had three children,
(b) Charles, married Lulu Ostrom.
Issue: Charles, Daniel, Eva, Ellen, Hester, June, Mary E., Daniel and John.

(3) DANIEL GRASS, married Nancy McGwinne; set. township of Lingston.
Issue: (a) Esther, d. y.
(b) Michael unm.
(c) Peter married Ella Rundall; set. near Collin's Bay.

(4) LEWIS GRASS, married 1st. Harriet Cowle, and 2nd. Mrs. Cowle, a widow. set. Whitby.
Issue: by first, (a) Thomas H.
(b) Esther
(c) Thomasina
(d) Peter
(e) Charles
(f) Arthur Henry
(g) Alice

(5) JOHN GRASS, married Margaret Patterson; set. Lingston

Issue: (a) Margaret
(b) Francis E.
(c) Helena
(d) George
(e) Albert E.
(f) Robert
(g) Emma

(6) JANE ANN GRASS, married eloped 17 Sept. 1850' John Hartman; set. Township Lingston

(7) CHARLES GRASS, married Isabel Graham; set. front of Lingston

See. 11. The John Grass Branch;

(1) MICHAEL GRASS, drowned in Mississippi
(2) PETER GRASS, killed in action in Crimea.
(3) HENRY GRASS
(4) TONIS GRASS, went to Australia
(5) JOHN GRASS, married Charlotte Hartman, daughter of Lewis Hartman and Jane Herchmer, set. front of Lingston. he d. 29 Jan 1893 ae 82 she d. 14 Apr. 1869 ae 49-1 he d. 3 Mar 1859 ae 67-3 she 1800-1884
Issue : (a) Sidney M.D. married Annie Livingston set. Windsor. d. 11. Jan 1873
(b) Horace alive 1860?'
(c) John C.
(d) Mary
(e) Herchmer
(f) Lewis.

(6) LEWIS GRASS, married Miss Cunitell; set. near Collin's Bay
(7) MARY GRASS, married Mr. Tobias; set. Richmond.
(8) ELIZABETH GRASS, married James Dorse, set. Lingston.
Issue: (a) Michael Lorenzo Dorse, m. Harriet Grace Burker
Issue; James P. Dorse, P.O. Lingston, married 1st. Edith Burrows, and 2nd Elizabeth Wilton.
Issue; Elizabeth married Colonel Gordon, set. Montreal.
Issue-Adhleen, (Married Arthur Cunningham, barrister, Lingston), Elizabeth, Laura and Helen.
Edward J. Burker Dorse, M.L.A. married 1st. Cornelia Marcia Vaughn, and 2nd. Elizabeth Haines Hamilton.
Issue; Arthur Vaughn, Edward H. (graduate of Lingston School of Mines and Queen's

University, now on Georgian Bay Survey)
Edith Grace, Emma Florence, Elizabeth
Evelyn and Marjorie Adelaide.

(b) John Gross Penso; married Maria Panton, set. Kingston and Toronto.

(c) Marshall Penso; set. United States.

(d) Katherine Penso, set. Collins Bay. d. unm.

(e) Charles Penso; set. Kingston and finally Owen Sound.

(f) Alfred Penso, set. Collins Bay.

(9) HANNAH GRASS married 12 Jan 1832 first James Loasee, and 2nd 4 Jan 1844 Lawrence Herchemer.

(10) WILLIAM GRASS, married and set. Rochester.

Geo, IV. The Eva Grass Hartman Branch:

(1) DANIEL HARTMAN, married Mary Day; set. Front. of Frontenac

(2) PETER HARTMAN, m. Rhoda Shibley; set. Front. of Frontenac.

(3) ELIZABETH HARTMAN, married Joseph Merritt; set. Sidney.

(4) KATHERINE HARTMAN, married John Cavilier, set. Belleville.

(5) EVA HARTMAN, married Mr. Wright; set. United States.

(6) MARGARET HARTMAN, married Mr. Holgate; set. near Port Hope.

(7) MARY HARTMAN, married John Coon; set. Sidney.

(8) HENRY HARTMAN, married Hester B. Day; set. Front. of Frontenac.

Issue: (a) Henry Hartman married Anna Gibson, set. old homestead.
Issue: Alex, Harold and Arthur.

(b) Mary Hartman married William Gould, set. Holmesville, Ont.
Issue: Harriett married Dr. William G. Anglin set. Kingston;
Mabel married Benton Ford, set. New York;
Elizabeth, George, William and Henry.

(c) Harriet Hartman married Rev. H. S. Thorey, Methodist minister; set. Sidenham.
Issue: Edwin Gould, M.D. set. Honolulu;
Sidney, Lewis and Susanna.

(d) Hester Amanda Hartman married S. S. Brewer, dentist in San Francisco.
Issue: Florence E. and William.

(e) MATTHEW HARTMAN married and died in West Indies without issue.

(f) Susanna Hartman married James Richardson, set. Kingston.
Issue: George Richardson, married Agnes McLausland ~~McCoulin~~, of Aylmer, Ont.; set. Kingston (Issue-Agnes, Kathleen, James and George)
Henry Richardson married Alice Ford; set. Kingston. (Issue-Elizabeth, Eva, Ethel, Henry, Robert [illegible]

(g) Lewis Hartman

(h) Calvin Hartman, [illegible]

(9) SUSANNA HARTMAN married Ca[illegible]
Frontenac.
Issue: (a) Peter [illegible]
(b) Cal[illegible]

Memorial, Rec 270

The Executors of the within Instrument of writing and declaring the execution of the within to be duly proved by the oath of George Hughes of the Town of Pontiac in Yeomans one of the subscribing witnesses thereto before me this 8th December 1874

Alex. Meadow
Registrar County of Pontiac

Copy G.R. 270 $2.00
Registrar of DEEDS. R.R.

To the Register of the County of Frontenac

A memorial to be registered pursuant to the Statute in such case made and provided, of a will bearing date the twentieth day of January in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and thirteen whereby Michael Graff of Township of Kingston in the Midland District and Province of Upper Canada German doth devise and bequeath unto his well beloved son Peter Graff all that certain tract or parcel of Land and premises situate lying and being in the Township of Kingston in the Midland District and Province of Upper Canada containing by admeasurement two Hundred acres be the same more or less being Lot number two in the first Concession of the said Township of Kingston together with the Houses out Houses and other buildings thereon erected hereditaments and appurtenances thereto belonging or in any wise appertaining to have and to hold the same to his own proper use and behoof and to his heirs and assigns forever and whereby the said Michael Graff doth give devise and bequeath unto his son John Graff Lot number two in the second concession of the said Township of Kingston together with all and singular the Hereditaments and appurtenances thereto belonging or in any wise appertaining to have and hold the same to his own proper use and behoof and to his heirs and assigns forever; And also doth give devise and bequeath unto his well beloved daughter Catharine Graham wife of James Graham her heirs and assigns forever All that tract or parcel of land situate in the Township of Kingston in the Midland District and Province of Upper Canada being Lot number twenty four in the fourth concession of the said Township of Kingston together with the Hereditaments and appurtenances thereto belonging or in any wise appertaining to

have and to hold the said Tract or parcel of Land to the said
Catharine Graham's own proper use and behoof and to her
heirs and assigns forever; and also doth give grant devise
and bequeath unto his Grandson Michael Wadman
son of his daughter Eve the one equal half part or moiety of
Lot number four in the fifth concession of the said Township of
Kingston containing one Hundred acres be the same more or less
together with the Hereditaments and appurtenances thereto belonging
or in anywise appertaining To have and to hold the said one equal
half part or moiety of the said Lot number four in the fifth concession of
the Township of Kingston to the proper use and behoof of the
said Michael Wadman and to his heirs and assigns forever; and also
doth devise with and bequeath unto his grandson Theophilus Sampson
son of his daughter Mary the other equal half part or moiety of
Lot number four in the fifth concession of the said Township of Kingston
containing one Hundred acres be the same more or less together with
the Hereditaments and appurtenances thereto belonging or in any wise
appertaining To have and to hold the said one equal half part or moiety
of the said Lot number four in the fifth concession of the said Township
of Kingston to the proper use and behoof of him the said Theophilus Sampson
and to his heirs and assigns forever And the said Michael Graff doth
thereby devise that the said Michael Wadman and Theophilus Sampson
do cast lots who shall have his choice of which moiety or half part
of the said lot number four in the fifth concession of the said Township
of Kingston he shall take; and also doth give devise and bequeath
unto his Grandson Michael Graff (Son of his son John Graff) all that tract
or parcel of land situate lying in the Township of Kingston in the Midland
District aforesaid being known by the one half or east half of Lot
number eleven in the Seventh concession of the said Township of
Kingston containing by admeasurement one Hundred acres be the same
more or less together with the appurtenances thereto belonging or
in anywise appertaining To have and to hold the said tract or
parcel of Land unto the said Michael Graff (son of his son John Graff)
his heirs and assigns to his only proper use and behoof and to his
heirs and assigns forever; and also doth give devise and bequeath
unto his said Son John Graff all that certain tract or
parcel of land situate lying and being in the Township
of Sidney in the Midland District and province aforesaid

Township containing by admeasurement two hundred
acres be the same more or less being lot number fifteen
in the fourth Concession of the said Township of Stamford
together with the hereditaments and appurtenances
thereto belonging or in any wise appertaining To have
and to hold the said tract or parcel of land unto the
said John Graff his heirs and assigns to his own proper
use and behoof and to his heirs and assigns for
ever Whereby the said Michael Graff doth devise
and bequeath unto his said dear and
beloved wife Margaret Graff all the rest residue
and remainder and every other tract or parcel of
tenements and Hereditaments not herein before devised
with their and every of their appurtenances To have
and to hold the same to the only proper use and
behoof of the said Margaret Graff heirs and assigns
forever provided always and this will is that if any
wife Margaret Graff should die possessed of goods
chattels lands or tenements then and in that case the
same so remaining in her hands at the time of her
death then and in that case the same so remaining in
her hands at the time of her death shall be divided share and
share alike amongst all his Children and Should his
son Daniel Graff return within seven years after my death
he shall share the same as any person of his Children
in the property so remaining in the hands of his wife
Margaret Graff at the time of her death — which said will
is witnessed by Matthew Howe of the Town of
Niagara Yeoman George Marshall of the town of Fo
[illegible] and Moses Smith of the said Town of Niagara
Yeoman and is hereby required to be registered
in the Surrogate Court of the Home District
[illegible]

In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and
seal this eighth day of December in the year of our Lord
one thousand eight Hundred and Twenty [illegible]

Signed sealed and
published in the presence of
[illegible]

John Hagerman

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# THE HISTORY OF THE GRASS FAMILY

Captain Michael Grass was born in Strasburg, Germany. The name is said to have been originally "Kress", the German word for Grass. Were the changes instituted by the old loyalist himself; it must have occurred shortly after his emigration to the Western World; for the name appears under its present form in the power of attorney granted to him by George 3rd, in 1783. During the hostilities that prevailed between Great Britian and France throughout North America, prior to the American Revolution. Michael Grass rendered loyal service to the British Crown, and being captured by the enemy was for some time held as a prisoner of the warat, the French settlement of Cataraqui. He made his escape and fled to what was then the English Province of New York. Soon after Catarqui was captured by the English under Colonel Bradstreet; the garrison was transported to Montreal, and the French Fortress and village of Catarqui ceased to exist. Its admirable location, however, at the source of the River St. Lawrence, could not long escape the attention of the British Government, and it was mainly through the instrumentality of Captain Michael Grass, that the important city of Kingston so intensely loyal to the British Crown arose upon the ruins of his former place of captivity.

It is needless to say that Captain Michael Grass served in the Royal ranks during the American Revolution; his sash and sabre with its massive handle of solid silver are still cherished heirlooms among his Descendants.

In 1783 began that remarkable movement in North American history known as the United Empire Loyalists movements from the United States to Canada. Many of the intrepid patriots sailed from the Atlantic seaboard to New Brunswick and Nova Scotia, and, thence, a considerable number made their way to what is now the Province of ONTARIO.

It seemed to the British authorities desirable to direct this movement towards founding a colony at the head waters of the River St. Lawrence, and Michael Grass, on account of his keen intelligence, his proven loyalty, and his familiarity with this part of the country gained during and prior to his captivity, was frequently consulted by the General in Command and eventually placed at the head of Loyalists, who in several ships, and under convoy of a British Man-of-War, made their way from New York to Sorel. Hence a detachment under the command of Captain Grass penetrated to Collins Bay. Finding the sail west of the Bay to be rocky, he is said to have declared that he had come too far to settle on a rock. However this may be, he picked upon the present township of Kingston, and returned with his companions for the winter to Sorel. He assisted in the surveys, running himself the base line for the Township of Kingston. Under the power of Attorney, issued to him by His Majesty King George the 3rd, he drew the land for the Loyalists, their sons and their daughters. His own patenets embraced one-third of the present city of Kingston.

He strongly recommended the creation of a separate province to the west of Quebec, and cordially welcomed the establishment of Upper Canada, with the seat of Government at First Town or Kingston, as it began to be called by the time that Governor Simcoe arrived and began to organize what is now the Province of Ontario.

Captain Grass bestirs himself to promote the growth and prosperity of the new capital; and the present market site of the Court House and the Macdonald Park were presented by him by deed of gift to the city of Kingston. To this day, worthily perpetuate his memory. He died on April 25th, 1813, having lived to see a flourishing city of which he was the foremost citizen, arise upon the ruins of his former place of captivity. That he was not unmindful of the great

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See Bill of sale to Murney for £500-0-0

work that he accomplished is evidenced by the following extract from a letter written by him two years before his death:

"Seven and twenty years have rolled away since my eyes for the second time beheld the shores of Catarqui. In that space of time how many changes have taken place. How many of the seats of my associates are now vacant. Yes, seven and twenty years ago scarce the vestige of a human habitation could be found in the whole extent of the Bay of Quinte. Not a settler had dared to penetrate to the vast forests that circled its shores. Even on the spot now covered with the statley edifices were to be seen, only the bark thached wigwam of the savage or the newly erected tent of the hardy loyalists. That when the ear heard me it blessed me for being strong in my attachment to my sovereign and high in the confidence of my fellow subjects. I led the Loyal band. I pointed to them the site of their future metropolis and gained for persecuted principals, a sanctuary, for myself and followers, a home." 93

Truly it may be said that Captain Michael Grass was the founder of — ? Kingston; the first citizen of the Bay of Quinte. His descendants in the table annexed. Many of them scattered, but among them are to be found some of the most substantial and prominent citizens of Ontario, who cherish with commendable pride the tradition of their distinguished ancestry.

Peter Grass, son of the Pioneer, married Esther, daughter of Major John Everett. She is said to have been the first white child to be born in Kingston. They had several children, their eldest son and child being Robert Everett Grass, who married first Nancy Purdy of the old and well known Purdy family, the second Mrs Hagerman, whose maiden name was Gaitrey Ketcheson and whose adventures as a young child lost for eleven days in the forest, has long been a favorite tradition of the Bay of Quinte.

Daniel Grass, who was the first son of Captain Michael Grass by his first wife Mary Ann, left the family at Collin's Bay never to return. The second wife of Captain Michael Grass was Margaret Swartz, the mother of two boys and three girls.

Ruliff Grass, son of Robert Everett Grass and Nancy Purdy his wife, and great grandson of Captain Michael Grass, was educated at the Stirling High School and at Victoria College. He engaged for some twenty years in mercantile business at Frankfort, and then became and still is, largely interested in dredging business for the Canadian Government. He now resides in Toronto, where he is a leading citizen and recognized as a power in the financial world, being Vice-President of the Excelsior Life Insurance Company, director of the Ontario Bank, etc. Mrs Grass owns the sword and sash worn by his famous ancestor, Captain Michael Grass, and is thoroughly versed in the early history of Ontario. Since the death of Mr. Ruliff Grass, his son Robert Everett Grass now owns the sash and sabre. Mr Robert Everett Grass, who is a prominent lawyer in the city of Toronto, has one daughter and two sons.

Eva Grass, daughter of the pioneer, married Peter Wartman. The Wartmans together with the Days, the Herchmeres, the Purdy's, the Everetts and the Grasses, are reckoned among the very first of the United Empire Loyalists. Peter Wartman drew lands upon the Lake Shore, and the Royal patent confirming his title is now in possession of his Grandson, Henry Richardson. His possessions however, had long antedated the receipt of this document. Indeed, the Wartman family have held lands granted by the Crown since 1784; lands that at no time during these one hundred and twenty years have been incumbered for a single dollar.

Peter Wartman, son of Henry Wartman, married Hester Burdett Day. They had eight children; their daughter, Suzanna, became the wife of James Richardson, a leading citizen of Kingston, whose large business since decease is carried on by his sons, George and Henry. Another very distinguished representative and descent of Captain Michael, is E. J. B. Pense, M.L.A., editor and proprietor of the British Whig, Kingston. He is equally prominent in the political, newspaper and business world, and enjoys withal, a high degree of well-merited popularity.

Great Great Grandfather

Great Great Grandfather

MICHAEL GRASS

The Children and Grandchildren

1. Peter Grass, married Esther, daughter of Major John Everett (the first white woman born in Kingston), settled Lake Shore.
Issue (1) Robert (2) Henry (3) Daniel (4) Lewis (5) John (6) Jane (7) Charles.

2. John Grass, married Polly Snook, settled Lake Shore.
Issue (1) Michael (2) Peter (3) Henry (4) Tunis (5) John (6) Lewis (7) Peggy (8) Elizabeth (9) Hannah (10) William.

3. Daniel Grass, returned to the United States and lost all trace of him and his descendants.

4. Eva Grass married Peter Wartman.
Issue (1) Daniel (2) Peter (3) Eva (4) Margaret (5) Elizabeth (6) Katherine (7) Mary (8) Suzanna (9) Henry.

5. Kate Grass married Thomas Graham, settled near Portsmouth.
Issue (1) George (2) Henry (3) Edward (4) a daughter (5) Ann, married Joel Sturgess.

6. Polly Grass, married Captain Samson.

The Grandchildren and Issue.

See 1 - The Peter Grass Branch.
(1) Robert Everett Grass married 1st Nancy Purdy and 2nd Mrs Gaitrey Hagerman (nee Ketcheson), settled Sidney. Issue by 1st (a) Peter Grass, married Annie Bonisteel (b) Deborah Grass married Dr. Boulton, M.P., settled Stirling; (c) Ester Ann Grass married Dr. Demorest, settled Stirling (d) Ruliff Grass married 1st Miss Rowe, 2nd Sarah Rankin (nee Jones) settled Frankfort, finally Toronto, Issue by 1st, John Everett and Florence Lillian (both deceased), 2nd Robert Everett, born Trenton, Ontario, May 20th, 1890, now resides in Toronto. Married Gladys Macdonald Hamilton, born Seaforth, Ontario, October 12th, 1890. Issue (a) Sally Hamilton Grass born August 10th, 1917, married G. O. G. Phibbs Issue Douglas, born 1943, Ian Robert born 1952. (b) William Hamilton Grass, born March 8th, 1919, married Mary S. Cottee Issue Michael born 1947, Jennifer born 1951. (c) Ruliff Grass, born August 10th, 1921, married Katharine Cochran Issue David, born 1951.

2. Henry Grass married Evaline Marsh settled Sidney. Issue (a) Peter, married and had three children (b) Charles, married ~~Lulu~~ Ostrom. Issue Charles, Daniel, Eva, ~~Ellen~~, ~~Ester~~, Jane, Mary E, Janiel and John.

Grandfather

Grandmother of E. Elura Owen

3. Daniel Grass married Nancy McGwinni, settled Township of Kingston. Issue (a) Esther, deceased (b) Michael unmarried (c) Peter, married Ella Rundell, settled near Collin's Bay.

4. Arthur Lewis Grass married 1st Harriet Cowle and 2nd Mrs. Cowle a widow, settled Whitby. Issue by 1st, (a) Thomas H. (b) Esther (c) Thomasina (d) Peter (e) Charles (f) Arthur Everett, born 1880, married Mary Elizabeth Stabback, 1904. Issue Everett Charles, born 1905, died 1934. Alice Muriel, born 1910, Lewis Howard, born 1917 married Elsa Bowman 1939, issue Carl Arthur born 1941, Barbara Dianne, born 1942. Alice Muriel, married Malcolm Kenneth Fraser, 1930, issue Ian Douglas, born 1938. (g) Alice Elizabeth born 1876, married Samuel Tink D.D. Issue Edmund Lewis, Samuel Everett, Alice Muriel, Edmund Lewis married Hester Hyler issue Nancy, Samuel Everett married Marion issue Joanne, Robert Everett, Alice Muriel married Paul Herncane, no issue.

5. John Grass married Margaret Patterson, settled Kingston. Issue (a) Margaret (b) Frances P. (c) Helena (d) George (e) Albert E. (f) Robert (g) Emma.

6. Jane Grass married John Wartman, settled Township Kingston.

7. Charles Grass, married Isabel Graham, settled front of Kingston.

See 2 - The John Grass Branch.
(1) Michael Grass drowned in Mississippi.

(2) Peter Grass killed in action in Crimea.

(3) Henry Grass

(4) Tunis Grass went to Australia.

(5) John Grass married Charlotte Wartman, settled Front of Kingston. Issue (a) Sidney M.D., married Annie Livingston, settled Windsor. (b) Horace (c) John C. (d) Mary (e) Herchemer (f) Lewis.

(6) Louis Grass married Miss Quintell, settled near Collin's Bay.

(7) Peggy Grass married Mr. Tobins, settled Richmond.

(8) Elizabeth Grass married James Pence, settled Kingston. Issue (a) Michael Lorenzo Pence married Harriet Grace Barker, issue - James P. Pense, P.O. Kingston, married 1st Edith Bairrows, 2nd Elizabeth Wilton, issue - Elizabeth married Colonel Gordon, settled Montreal, issue - Kathleen married Arthur Cunningham, Barr. Kingston, Elizabeth, Laura and Helen. Edward J. Barker Pense M.L.A. married 1st Cornelia Marcia Vaughan, 2nd Elizabeth Haines, Hamilton, issue - Arthur Vaughan and Edward H. (Graduate of Kingston School of Mines and Queen's University, now on Georgian Bay survey). Edith Grace, Emma, Florence, Elizabeth Evelyn and Marjorie Adelaide. (b) John Grass Psnse married Marcia Panton, settled Kingston and Toronto. (c) Marshall Pense settled U.S. (d) Catharine Pense, settled Collin's Bay, died unmarried. (e) Charles Pense settled Kingston and finally Owen Sound (f) Alfred Pense settled Collin's Bay.

(9) Hannah Grass married 1st James Lossee and 2nd Lawrence Herchemer.

(10) William Grass married and settled Rochester.

See 4 - Eva Grass Wartman Branch
(1) Daniel Wartman married Mary Day, settled front of Frontenac.

(2) Peter Wartman married Rhoda Sliebley, settled front of Frontenac.

(3) Elizabeth Wartman married Joseph Merritt, settled Sidney. See Merritt Families.

(4) Kathleen Wartman married John Cavilier, settled Belleville.

(5) Eva Wartman married Mr. Wright, settled U.S.

(6) Margaret Wartman married Mr. Holgate, settled near Port Hope.

(7) Mary Wartman married John Coon, settled Sidney.

(8) Henry Wartman married Hester B. Bay, settled front of Frontenac. Issue (a) Henry Wartman married Anna Gibson, settled old homestead. Issue Alex, Harold and Arthur. (b) Mary Wartman married Wm Gould, settled Holmesville, Ont. Issue Harriett married Dr. Wm Anglin, settled Kingston; Mabel married Benton Ward, settled N.Y. Issue Elizabeth, George, William, Henry. (c) Harriet Wartman married Rev. E.S. Shorey, Methodist Minister, settled Sydenham Issue Edwin Gould M.D., settled Honolulu, Sidney, Lewis and Susanna. (d) Hester Amanda Wartman married B.B. Brewer Dentist, San Francisco Issue Florence E. and William. (e) Mathew Wartman married and died in West Indies without issue. (f) Susanna Wartman married James Richardson, settled Kingston Issue George, Richardson married Agnes McCoslin of Aylmer, Ont, settled Kingston Issue Agnes, Kathleen, James and George and Henry Richardson married Alice Ford, settled Kingston Issue Elizabeth, Eva, Mabel, Henry, Robert and John Burdett. (g) Lewis Wartman (h) Calvin Wartman died unmarried.

(9) Susanna Married Calvin Day, settled front of Frontenac, issue (a) Peter (b) Calvin.

Kingston, June 14/74

Dr. H. C. Burleigh
R. R. 3 Bath

Replied
17 June/74

Dear Sir -

I have just returned from a visit with my cousin Alice Gibson in Ottawa. She asked me if I would try and find some answers to the following questions concerning the Grass family.

John Grass, son of Michael (brother of Peter) married Polly Snook. What was Polly's actual name?
Did Polly have a sister called Catherine?
Did they have 10 children?
or Did a John Grass marry Catharine Snook and did they have one child - John?

don't know Who was John Grass who died on Feb 18, 1816 aged 69 yrs 8 month
Was he a brother or cousin of Michal who died April 25th 1813, age 78 yrs.

over mile Who was John Grass, Sr. who died on Jan 18, 1849 age 76 yrs.
Who was Jacob Grass who was deeded a lot along with Michal Grass, according to the atlas?

If you can help untangle any of this puzzle we would be very grateful. I enjoyed reading your book.

Yours sincerely
(Miss) Elma Murton

214 Collingwood St.
Kingston

John. C. Clark Diary — Grass

1832

Jan 8 Mr James Lossee and Miss Hannah Grass married.

Jan 11 Henry Grass' Black Smith shop burned last night

(both bur Cat U. he d 29.1.1932 ae 82; she 19.4.1869 ae 49.1.0)

1838

Mar. 20 Mr. John Grass, Junr and Miss Charlotte Wartman marr.

1843

Dec. 28 Mr. Everitt Grass and Miss Nancy McGuin married.

1844

May 7 Mrs. Peter Grass, Senr., died sudden last night of Palsy.

1845

Dec. 24 The School house at Mr. Grass' burned last night.

1846

Feb. 18 Old Mrs. John Grass (Sr), Collins Bay, died sudden at evening.

(Catherine d 18.2.1846, ae 64.8.0)

1848

July 6 Wrote a deed at night for L. Grass.

Dec. 18 Mr. John Nowlan, son of Mrs. Fitch, and Miss Catherine Grass, daughter of M. Grass, married

Dec. 20 Mrs. John Nowlan confined of a – a – a daughter, beat this ~~if~~ who can.

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(Coons, Coone)

Peter Wartman | Eve Grass

John Coon — Job — Jerimiah — Samuel

19May 1786-1Apr 1858
(Mary Wartman 1791-1865)

Amos

- Matthew 10Mar 1819-20Mar 1900 (Sarah Ann Rose 1825-1917)
  - Charles Henry 2Jun 1860-18Jan 1921 (Emily Wattam 1864-1940)
    - Horace Wattam Clayton 6Apr 1893-9Sep 1971 (Julia Ann Jackson 1896-1975)
      - Charles Jackson 4Jun 1930 - (Iris Page 1932 -)
        - David Charles 28Oct 1956 (Kathryn Merriott/Stansfield)
        - William Page 10Jul 1959
        - Michelle Suzanne 6Jan 1964
    - Marion Grace 1890-1939
    - Arthur Willard (Lulu Docherty) 1894-1957
      - Margaret (Beatty) b. Jan. 11, 1972 m. April 6, 1956 Allen Lloyd Beatty
    - Myrtle Etta (Dobbin) 1892-
    - Ada Gladys (Elliott) 1899-
    - Jessie Winnifred (Frise) 1896-
  - Mary Eliza (Bartlett) b. 1848
  - Wilbur Samuel 1849-74
  - Isabella Jane (Hunt) 1851-1886
  - David Edward (Sarah Ann Best)* 1853-1936
  - John Wartman 1855-57
  - Annie Caroline (Ketcheson) b. 1863
- Courtland Secord b. 19Nov 1814 (Catharine Knowlin 1833-1852) six children
- Caroline Elizabeth (Marsh) b. 1816
- Susanah (Day) b. 1822
- Mary Margaret (Pickle) b. 1824
- Jane (Riddick) b. 1827

Helen Maude (Vickery) 1897-1958

Carrie Lillian (Anderson) 1900-1968

Elma Ruth 1902-1950

* Children:
Laura Agnes (Chapman) b.1884
Carrie Louisa 1886-95
Wilbur Thornton 1888-1968
Ralph Addison 1893-1918
Mildred Rachel d. 6 weeks.

Contributed by Margaret Coon Beatty
1746 Key West Lane

JC/Sep 1979

*Impressions of a Transient: No. 3*

# Recalled by Stroll in City Park Days of Pioneer Capt. Grass

Sep. 28 1930

By Mabel T. J. Good

**COMING OUT OF THE CITY PARK** entrance on to Wellington street, a tide of thought and feeling rolls over the mind. The beautifully kept green of the park stretching west and north, and southwards towards the martello tower on Murney's Point, the solid masonry along the shaded street — all these are engulfed by the tide and swept away. Yes, even the names — Wellington — Murney — disappear. There remains instead—Grass; — Grass street — Grass Point.

For so it was in the second resurrection of this place now called Kingston. To this site the first loyalist refugees brought hence by Captain Michael Grass, late of New York State. And from him the point and then the street took their names.

It seems strange and a little sad that no easily discernible mark remains today. Yet from old papers one gathers the impression that even in the advanced earthly years of Michael Grass, recognition and remembrance of his exploit and credit for his leadership were fading.

Many "human interest" stories could be told about these early sojourners, who led weary bands of loyalists into the "Promised Land" of Canada. Down in Glengarry there is a funny little yarn about an old soldier, who in his youth had been entrusted with the guidance of a small party. He brought them in safety through enemy and forest dangers to the appointed place. There, he settled down and spent the rest of his days. As the years passed, his chief and wholly absorbing occupation became the telling and retelling of his exploit. And the story lost nothing with the years or the repetition. So that by the time the old veteran was of ripe age, the number of his party and the wild dangers encountered had increased beyond all recognition. However, he was regarded with fond tolerance in the community, and strangers were warned to accept the story with the proverbial "grain of salt."

It so happened that a high ranking army officer chanced to visit Glengarry one day. The bishop, whose guest he was, suggested that he call upon the old soldier, which the officer was pleased to do. Naturally the old timer broke into his epic. Never had he a greater opportunity. Never had the story assumed such proportions or color! At its close the officer, kindly wishing to appreciate properly, yet rather at a loss for words, remarked:

"Yes, indeed, a fine exploit. In fact I can liken it in my mind to nothing except that of Moses bringing the children of Israel out of bondage."

To his surprise the old warrior rose to his feet in ire, and quavered angrily.

"Moses! Compare ME to Moses! Moses be danged! Why he lost half his people in the Red Sea, but I lost nary a one!"

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**BUT THAT'S** a different story from this of Captain Grass. There is no comparison except that both were soldier guides to loyalist settlers, and doubtless both as years came on them, loved to talk of it. Captain Grass, however, not only guided his party to Kingston; he chose the site as well.

Let us go back to those troubled days before the great migration. How terribly torn and confused the inhabitants of British North America must have been! For both sides had so many high points of right and reason and noble cause. And both sides as always, had darker elements of persecution, terrorism and brutality.

The position of New York City throughout those years was unique in history. In the very beginning there was nowhere the division of loyalists greater than in New York. There was for example the embarrassing situation which arose on a Sunday in June 1775. General Washington, en route to command of the revolutionary army in Boston, was to arrive that day and spend the night in New York City. And on the same day the return of British Governor Tryon was anticipated. The critical situation at the time demanded a policy of respect towards each officer and his respective office. General Washington arrived about four in the afternoon, and was greeted with cheers and bell-ringing. In the evening Governor Tryon made his appearance and was welcomed ostensibly with honor by many of the same crowd who had earlier cheered the army commander.

Later through alternating fortunes of war, the city changed hands and apparently allegiance; and, though partially in ruins, and suffering from the distress of strife, a certain social life throve, as it became the last bold of Britain south of the St. Lawrence.

But immediately outside the city it was a different matter. The comfortable farming district for about 30 odd miles around, was a constant scene of a sort of guerrilla warfare. This territory, falling between the two opposing factions, was the centre of the worst activities from both sides. Irregulars, called Cowboys from the British and Skinners from the Americans, plundered and harassed the poor farmers in this locality. Neither loyalist nor rebel was safe from the reign of terror. And while the better class of authorities on both sides deplored the evils, they were not sufficiently organized or equipped to prevent it.

It was in this terrorized "neuterland" that Captain Michael Grass lived, on his prosperous little farm. Of German nationality he had found peace and comfort in the New World, and into it now had come this bitterness and conflict. The captain, who had fought against the French a few years earlier, was offered a commission in the Revolutionary Army. He refused it staunchly according to the dictates of his loyalties, knowing full well something of what it entailed. In due course, after much suffering he made his way to New York City. Of course his home, farmlands and most of his possessions, like those of his fellow loyalists, were completely lost.

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**SO ONE** hears of him offering his services to Sir Guy Carleton, as the British grip on New York began to weaken. This brave and sincere officer had arrived in the city in May, 1782, as commander-in-chief of all British forces in America and commissioner for the peace. So at last on April 6, 1783 the packet Prince William Henry arrived in New York harbor, carrying the royal Proclamation of Peace, and ordering hostilities to cease.

As the loyalists heard this proclamation read from the veranda of the city hall, they knew the time had come for them to strike out for unknown places and seek new homes. The old were gone forever.

So it came about that Captain Grass, in interview with Sir Guy Carleton, spoke of Fort Frontenac. Here the captain had been prisoner of war of the French. And in spite of the unhappy nature of his sojourn, he must have gathered a pleasant impression of the place. So also Sir Guy must have caught from him that impression.

Michael Grass, captain in the New York Militia and as such, ranked as one of the company of Associated Loyalists, was charged with the safe conduct of a large party of fellow patriots. Leaving New York at the time of the general evacuation in the fall of 1783, the party came first to Sorel.

After wintering in Sorel, Captain Grass marshalled his little band in the spring and headed them for Fort Frontenac. By the weary water way of batteau and portage, they came. And one fine day they reached the great lake's mouth. They pitched their tents on Indian Point, where later rose the marine docks. Here they lived until the slow survey and allottment process gave to each his own particular grant for homestead.

Captain Grass, practical farmer that he was, requested a supply of turnip seed from government stores, for his party. He reasoned that such would yield a good crop in spite of the advanced season and late sowing. So "each man taking a handful cleared a spot of ground about the centre of what is now the City of Kingston, sowed the seed and raised a fine crop of turnips, which partly served their needs during the ensuing winter."

For himself, Captain Grass chose a triangular piece of land on the southwest side of the settlement. It stretched northwest from the land which was called for many years Grass Point, and later known as Murney's Point. It seems that Captain Grass eventually sold the point to Captain Murney, "Master of the Merchant Vessel." So Captain Michael Grass, late of Germany, later of New York, settled down to become a loyal citizen of Kingstown, (later abbreviated), Upper Canada.

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**IN THE RECORDS** of St. George's Parish, his name appears in the list of "The Benefactors of the Members of the English Congregation for Erecting a Church in Kingston."

After the building of the first St. George's (on the site of The Whig-Standard building) the name of Michael Grass appears in the list of those purchasing pews in the church. Numberf 36 was sold on June 2, 1795 to "Mr. Michael Grass, at the rate of £, 11, 0—paid."

Throughout succeeding years, he and his wife Margaret, sponsored the baptisms of several infants, testifying to the regard held for their worth and integrity. Indeed records tell us that he was respected by all who knew him for the honesty and uprightness of his character. Although somewhat hasty and irascible in temper, he was always ready to help in time of need, and as a kind friend and neighbor.

So that walking down Wellington (once Grass) street, one wonders, coming to the inspiring minarets of St. George's if Michael Grass was borne at last to rest from the site of this great church.

Doubtless his tired bones lie in old St. Paul's Churchyard, close to the comforting shadow of the grey stone walls that shelter the burial place of his beloved "late Pastor"—the Rev. John Stuart.

nd the prairie provinces extend uch too far northwards. He ants a new boundary drawn, to ollow the 55th parallel from the oast of Hudson Bay westwards; verything north of this would resumably be incorporated in the Northwest Territories.

This proposal will be highly rritating to patriots in all the provinces affected, and probably o most of the provincial governments as well. Alberta will be particularly irked. Back in the ate '30's Premier Aberhart tried o have Alberta's boundaries exended right up to the Arctic, and, o far as we are aware, the preent cabinet has never officially eceded from this dream of a Greater Alberta.

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elves? How have they fared after more than a thousand ears of an entirely masculine tmosphere, lacking the society of vomen or children? Some of them re genuinely religious recluses, seeking sanctuary from a sinful world; others have retired to Athos from a variety of motives, but all, apparently, are united in bhorrence of females.

in spite of the advanced season and late sowing. So "each man

fresher course for eager beavers, and in the final analysis it is no vacation at all. A man should get time and a half in the envelope on Saturday for agreeing to take one under such circumstances.

a half to vacationers in July. Those who wait automatically get a dollar and a half for their dollar —and more besides, the intangibles.

# LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

### TEACHERS' SALARIES SHOULD BE INCREASED

Sir: Canadian professors speak frankly about lowered standards of incoming students in an article in a recent issue of Saturday Night.

A dialogue was recently dictated to ninety-four freshmen at the University of Saskatchewan. Sixty-one per cent misspelled words; eighteen per cent could not distinguish between "to" and "too"; over fifty per cent confused "who's" with "whose".

(The only champion of todays freshmen was Principal R. C. Wallace of Queen's University. He did not think the level of scholarship lower; on the contrary, he thought it higher.)

Professor Lloyd Duchemin, of the English Department at Mount Allison University, and Professor W. G. H. Crawford, of the Mathematics Department, stated that the level of academic preparation of freshmen "becomes definitely lower, despite better teaching methods in the high schools and better courses offered; the average freshman know much less . . . than fifteen years ago. In English, the former observes that first year faults are: Slowness of comprehension, impoverished vocabulary, and deficiency in judgment. The cause of this, it was said, is not defects of teaching in high schools, but lack of teachers in public schools.

It is a fact, a reality, that the number of teachers is diminishing. Because of this, the number of public schools in many provinces is decreasing. Why?

Because the work of the teacher, despite its importance, is not rewarded with a living wage for those who have families. Because of this, would-be teachers seek other jobs, better paid, and this has prevented many public schools from reopening.

Teachers' work should be more appreciated, their salaries increased. This is a problem which must be solved. Much is done to raise and maintain standards of health among school children through voluntary work, in clinics, helping nurses, visiting sick children, and giving advice to parents. This is very useful and helps improve the health of the population.

The work of the teacher, however, cannot be done by volunteers. This work belongs to the teacher only. Teachers should be helped in this work, through better payment, and it is hoped increases will be granted.

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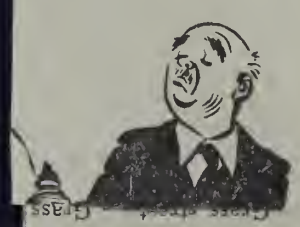
*Impressions of a Transient: No. 3*

# Recalled by Stroll in City Park Days of Pioneer Capt. Grass

Sept. 28 1910

J. Good

PARK entrance on to Wellington rolls over the mind. The beautining west and north, and south-n Murney's Point, the solid mas-l these are engulfed by the tide mes — Wellington — Murney —



GRASS:

Captain Michael Grass, the first settler of Kingston township, was a native of Germany. The period of his emigration to America is unknown. He was a saddler and harness-maker by trade, and for years plied his trade in Philadelphia. It would seem that he removed from Philadelphia to New York, for his son Peter was born in this city in 1770. According to the statements of his grandson who often heard the facts from his father, Peter Grass, soon after the commencement of the rebellion, Michael Grass was taken prisoner by the Indians, who were staying at Cataraqui. In this he is probably mistaken. We learn from another source that it was during the previous French war, which is more likely to be correct. It would seem that Grass and two other prisoners were not confined in the fort, but held in durance by a tribe of Indians, who permitted them to hunt, fish, etc. They made an effort to escape, but were caught and brought back. Again they attempted, carrying with them provisions, which they had managed to collect, sufficient to last them a week. But it was nine weeks before they reached an English settlement, one having died by the way from hunger and exposure. It was the knowledge which Grass had acquired of the territory at Cataraqui, while a prisoner, which led to his appointment to the leadership of a band of refugees at the close of the war.— (See settlement of Kingston.)

It does not appear that Captain Grass occupied my office in the army during the war. His captaincy commenced upon his leaving New York with the seven vessels for Canada. By virture of his captaincy, he was entitled to draw 3000 acres. Beside lot twenty-five in Kingston, he drew in fourth concession of Sidney nearly 2000 acres in one block.

Captain Grass had three sons, Peter, John, and Daniel, and three daughters. Daniel, some years after, went sailing and was never heard from Peter and John settled in the Second Town and became the fathers respectively of families. The land drawn by the captain, and the 600 acres by each of his children, has proved a lasting source of wealth and comfort to his descendants.

Captain Grass naturally took a leading part at least during the first years of the settlement at Kingston. He was possessed of some education, and was a man of excellent character, with a strict sense of honor. Although opp-

ortunities presented themselves to accumulate property, at the expense of others, he refused to avail himself of all such. He was appointed a magistrate at an early period, and as such performed many of the first marriages in Kingston. In religion, he was an adherent to the Church of England. Probably he had been brought up a Lutheran. His old "Dutch" Bible still is read by an old German in Ernesttown; but it seems a pity that although none of the Grass family can read its time worn pages, it should be allowed to remain in other hands than the descendants of the old captain.

In connection, it may be mentioned that some time before the war, a poor German, a baker by trade, came to New York. Michael Grass assisted him into business, and even gave him a suit of clothes. When the refugees came to Canada, this baker accompanied them. He settled in Quebec, where he amassed eventually great wealth, and the P—— family are not unknown to the public.

Abraham

Barnabas =
d 30.8.1858
ae 89 yrs

Michael =
d 25-4-1813

Peter =

Everitt
d 7.5 1844

John Wartman = Jane born 17.4.1850
Shopel

= Agnes E A
Wartman

W B Denyer = Lavina Ashley Denyer

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Dr. H. C. Burleigh, U.E.,
Bath, Ontario,

E E Owen,
219 Albert St.,
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May 25-72

Dear Dr. Burleigh:

Received your letter yesterday with regard to the grave of Captain Michael Grass.

We were there last fall & took a few snap shots which I am enclosing. The wording is very fine & you have to kneel in order to read it. We were only able to read Michael Grass date 1813.

The stone is about thirty feet from family plot north toward the church. I wish there were some way of making the lettering more readable; have you any suggestion.

Do hope this will be of some help.

Kindest Regards,

E. Clara Owen UE

PS
Please excuse
Parkinson's scrawl.

United Empire Loyalists' Association of Canada

Branches in Victoria, Vancouver, Calgary, Winnipeg, St. Catharines,
Hamilton Toronto Adolphustown, Ottawa, Saint John, N.B.

## Died

*At Belleville, on Sunday, September 16th, 1894,*

M. HENRY GRASS,

*aged 84 years 7 months and 15 days.*

## The Funeral

*Will take place from his late residence, Charles Street, on TUESDAY Afternoon, September 18th, at 2:30 o'clock, to the Cemetery.*

*Service at the house at 2 p.m.*

*Belleville, September 17th, 1894.*

Great Grandfather of E. Elura Owen.

see over →

*The Funeral of the late EVELINE, wife of Henry Grass, will take place from the family residence, Charles Street, on MONDAY, March 7th, at THREE o'clock, p. m.*

*Belleville, March 5th, 1881.*

Great Grandmother of E. Elura Owen.